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SUBJECT: MIA/DIC PROVISIONS OF LAO PROTOCOL (ARTICLE 18(C))

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1. AS INDICATED BE REFERENCE, ARMA DISCUSSED PROVISIONS
OF ARTICLE 18(C) OF LAO PROTOCOL WITH RLGAF CHIEF-OF-STAFF
MAJOR GENERAL PHASOUK AND SENIOR RLG MILITARY NEGOTIATOR
BRIG GENERAL BOUNTHEING, SEPTEMBER 19.

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ARMA EXPRESSED TO BOTH GENERALS USG CONCERN THAT

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RLG ENSURE THAT LISTS OF NUMBER OF NVA AND LPF PRISONERS, AS WELL AS LISTS OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY, ARE PREPARED IN TIME TO MEET SCHEDULE DEFINED IN ARTICLE 18(C). GENERAL PHASOUK INDICATED THAT NAMES OF NVA PRISONERS HELD IN VIENTIANE WERE READILY AVAILABLE, ALONG WITH NAMES OF PRISONERS WHO HAD DIED IN CAPTIVITY. ON SUBJECT OF LPF PRISONERS, HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT MOST HAD BEEN RELEASED FOLLOWING INTERROGATION AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REINTERGRATED INTO SOCIETY IN RLG ZONE. HE SAID THAT THERE MAY BE SOME LPF CADRES STILL UNDER DETENTION WHOSE NAMES COULD BE PLACED ON A LIST, BUT DECISION TO DO SO WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY "HIGHER LEVELS."

3. REFLECTING RLGAF POSITION, NEITHER PHASOUK NOR BOUNTHIENG WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT MACHINERY ENVISAGED FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION--I.E., JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMTN THE AGREEMENT (JCIA)--WOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN SCHEDULE NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 18(C). ARMA URGED BOTH GENERALS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE PREPARATION OF NECESSARY LISTS ANY WAY, SO THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF EXCHANGES WERE TO TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE JCIA FORUM.

4. MY DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WITH PRIME MINISTER SEPTEMBER 24 IS REPORTED SEPTEL.
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